Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”
Matthew 1:23
Readings for the Week

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Day: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon./Dec. 23
8:30 AM †Anne Ledgus
†Leona Berken
†Esteban Mavares

Tue./Dec. 24/Christmas Eve
Wed./Dec. 25/Christmas Day
Thurs./Dec. 26
6:30 AM Danny Kerschen
†Don Woody
†Roland Toedt
8:30 AM †Gene & Kay Goll
†Fr. Emil Furlong
†Maria Ana Lopez de Leon

Fri./Dec. 27
8:30 AM Annunciata Hopkins
†Oscar Velasco
†Mary Jo Cheek

Sat./Dec. 28
5:30 PM †Merily Deane
†Pat & Kim Ford
†Susan Saladino

Sun./Dec. 29
7 AM †Roman Kogucki
†Bishop Rev. Paul Sirbi
9 AM †Byron Bertrand
†Carmen Aloisio
†Placido Araujo
11 AM †Charles Knaggs
†Bob Siurek
†Daniel Machado
1 PM For the Parish
5 PM For the Parish

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us today. Whether you’re a longtime parishioner, a newcomer, or just visiting, know that our desire is to extend God’s loving presence to all.

If you would like to register, you can download the registration form from our website, www.stmartha.com, or find a copy in the narthex on the welcome kiosk.

Vision Statement: Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

God is with us! The meaning of Emmanuel rings in our ears as we are just days away from welcoming our Savior into our world. My friends, our Church is going to be packed with many visitors who want to celebrate the Lord’s birth. I would ask you in joining me to welcome them to our celebrations. Many of the people who will pass through the doors of our Church are not regular Church goers, but we want to welcome them to our celebration and help them feel at home. If you are one of our regular Sunday Church goers, I would ask you to please be kind to those whom might be visiting us. Please welcome them and help them experience the joy of the birth of Jesus. We don’t want to be the cause of someone never coming back to Church because someone was mean to them when they tried to visit us at Christmas. We pray for all of those who will be visiting us over the Christmas season. We pray that they may receive a warm welcome from our parish family and be filled with Christmas joy!

Fr. T.J.

Sunday Readings and Reflection

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).


Trust in God

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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GIVING has never been easier with Text-to-Give. Securely make a one-time gift to St. Martha Offertory, Martha's Kitchen, Capital Campaign or current special collection. Text 281-324-8582. Text $ amount in message line. Follow link to complete one-time registration.

Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:

Terry Parks (husband of Helaine Parks and father of Mandy Carr)
Christi Keelen (wife of Mark Keelen and mother of Hunter Keelen)
Hung Le
Patricia Wall
Marjorie McQuillen
Sherman Adcock
Guadalupe de la Cruz (husband of Diana de la Cruz)
George Wayne Robinson
Stephanie White (daughter of Christy Keeling)
Fran Garthe
Katherine Irwin (wife of Richard Irwin and mother of Courtney and Chris Irwin)
Nora Castelnuovo (wife of Richard and mother of Carolina)
Kathleen Barry
Barbara Nelson (mother of Janice Nelson McCabe)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


COMMUNION TO THE SICK: If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital or are homebound and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 24 (Vigil):
4 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, and Midnight. There will also be an overflow Mass on the Woodland Hills Campus at 4:15 PM in the Activity Center.
Dec. 25: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM (En Español)
The parish office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24th through Thursday, Dec. 26th.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 31 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6 PM
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM
The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Please note: The nursery will be closed on Christmas Day (Dec. 25), Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 29), and Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Jan.1).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- #3

◆ How was our parish goal of $2,300,00 determined?
Our parish goal calculation is based on 62% of our 2015 Offertory Collection.

◆ During this campaign, will we hear appeals for money at every Mass?
During this campaign, at times we will hear from Fr. TJ on the importance of stewardship…how God’s word tells us that all we have comes from Him and we are stewards of what gifts He has given us to use for His work.

◆ How was a pledge amount determined?
We base our “requested amounts” on past giving histories and answers given in the planning study. Please know that this proposed amount is by no means an absolute expectation. If, after prayerful consideration, you believe a larger or smaller gift or pledge is appropriate, we will be profoundly grateful. We simply ask that you go before the Lord in prayer, and to make a sacrificial pledge proportional to the extent to which God has blessed you. We ask that your gift be above your normal support.
St. Martha’s Life After Loss grief program offers a nine week support group beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 7—9 p.m. All who are experiencing the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend.

For more information and to sign up, please call 281-360-2714 or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com.

Cana Family Institute (Familia) invites you to The Temperament God Gave You

Do you sometimes think that your husband's and children's behavior makes no sense? You're not alone! Join with other mothers of young children (birth through 5th grade) to learn how to resolve problems more easily with your family and friends, and have peace as you love each other better. The Temperament God Gave You will start in January, and it will consist of 8 biweekly sessions on Friday mornings. Childcare is provided. Contact Katie Barnhill at stmarthascana@gmail.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL WINE TASTING & DINNER
FEBRUARY 15, 2020
Tickets available after Jan. 1st

ST. MARTHA’S MEN’S RETREAT AT
HOLY NAME PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER
Jan. 10-12, 2020
Start the New Year with a relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend!

Retreat Theme: Standing on Holy Ground
The Call to Holiness in Today’s World

Can anyone deny that we, as Christians—perhaps now more than in any other time in history—are urged to live our vocation to holiness. Come and join us on “holy ground“ as we prayerfully explore what it means to be holy in today’s world.

For more information contact Bruce Farmer at 832-656-1393 or to register, Please visit the website: www.holynameretreatcenter.com

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or call Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

Family and friends of L.G.B.T. Catholics – Are invited to gather for prayer, discussion and fellowship. Our focus is on building bridges and staying close to the Church. For information on the monthly gathering, please contact Francine at frnp@stmartha.com

CARING COOKS—THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-630-4820 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

Director of Community Life: Francine Puglia, (281)358-6637 Ext. 200, frnp@stmartha.com
For a complete list of Community Life Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.
Community Life Ministries

A New Way to Love

A New Way to Love is a weekly series on Living God’s purpose for your marriage. Developed by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D., the series is based on the principles described in their book Getting the Love You Want. Learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively and feel more connected with your spouse. Whether you are engaged or married from six months to 60 years, this series provides an opportunity to deepen your relationship. To cover the cost of each participant manual, $40 per couple is due upon registration.

Where: St. Martha parish office conference room (4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365)
When: 7 – 9 pm, Tuesday evenings, Six Sessions beginning on Jan. 21, 2020
Cost: $40 per couple to cover the cost of materials. Checks are to be made out to St. Martha Catholic Church. In the memo line: A New Way to Love.

To Register: Registration is Required: Please place the registration form and payment in an envelope addressed “Attn: Francine Puglia.” The envelope may be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office, M-F, 9-4. You may also mail your registration to the parish office: St. Martha Catholic Church, Attn: Francine Puglia, 4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365. An email will be sent to you when your registration is received.

Space is limited to the first ten couples who register. For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637 ext. 200.

A New Way to Love Registration Form

Name:____________________________ Name:____________________________
Cell phone:________________________ Cell phone:________________________
Email:____________________________ Email:____________________________

To all Veterans, First Responders & their Families who have served or are serving our Country and our Community:

St. Michael’s Warrior’s Ministry, a group led by Veterans & First Responders, meet every Saturday morning at St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, Tx,) Room 2, from 7:30-9:30 AM.

As our Mission Statement reads we will: “Provide a Safe, Welcoming & Ecumenical environment to assist Veterans, First Responders and their families dealing with traumatic life experiences caused by tragic events, daily challenges and transition from a life of service.”

Our purpose is to provide support not only the Parishioners of St. Martha’s, but to all in our surrounding area that could benefit from participating.

St. Michael’s Warriors Ministry focuses on healing through Prayer, Peer Ministry, Fellowship and Camaraderie. For more information you can contact Deacon Guy Puglia: guy.puglia@gmail.com or 832-758-0795.
The Passion Play in Oberammergau is a spectacular event that only occurs every ten years. We will be journeying to Bavaria in mid-September 2020 to witness the Passion Play as well as explore the surrounding region of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. There are only a few spots left!! For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com.

Registrations are due MARCH 6. Spots are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot soon!

Forms will be available in the Youth Center or Parish Office. Please contact Salisha Miller for more information: salisham@stmartha.com or 281.358.1959 ext. 251

Jesus said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” Mark 6:31

All Juniors & Seniors in High School are invited to our annual Surfside Beach Retreat! This amazing weekend of prayer and fun at the beach will be a time for you to deepen your faith, and to take a step back from the stress and worry you face each day.

St. Martha’s Moms December & January Events

**Monthly Morning Gatherings**
9:30 – 11:00 am (Fridays)
Join other mothers each month for fellowship, inspiring speakers, and reflections on Scripture and the Catechism.
Childcare provided (please reserve in advance).
December 6, January 17

**Catholic Reflection Evenings**
8:00 – 9:30 pm (Tuesdays)
A biweekly discussion and reflection over the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading. Join us for some or all sessions as your schedule allows!
Childcare not provided, but babies 1 and under welcome. Contact katieabarnhill@gmail.com for more information.
Spring sessions start January 28

**Bring the Family!**
Family Meet-up @ Back Pew Brewing Company
January 25
4:00 pm

**Park Playdate**
December 11
9:30 – 11:00 am

Find more information on our Facebook group – "St. Martha’s Moms *Kingwood** Contact stmarthasmoms@gmail.com for further information or to join our email list!

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.
St. Therese of Lisieux
What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith, facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-8:30 pm.

Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:

- Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
- The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
- Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A
- Explanation/Walk-through of the Mass, Q&A
- The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, or call 281-713-8968.

Thoughts from the Loft

Is faith alone sufficient in proving God’s existence?
Faith is most certainly the starting point and foundation of how we first encounter God. But as you see at the bottom of these posting each week, “fides quaerens intellectum” (faith seeking understanding), St. Anselm suggest that man seeks to confirm what it is it already believes. Man is able to perceive God through the 5 senses and will/heart. God the Father is not a being who can be measured by human instruments. The question: “how old is God” suggests God is a chronos being like us. He has no beginning or end; he is a kairos being (an idea or event). If your basis for naming certain living things “animals” is based on their ability to walk, you will incorrectly label all the creatures of the sea. Thus, if your basis for proving God’s existence is to find some floating object in the sky, your assumption that God is an object will have led you astray. God the Son is known as the True Mediator. Jesus Christ came down from heaven in our form so that we might come to know Him better. And testimony carried on through generations ignites our faith and propels our reason to better understand Him. Fact: we will never be able to understand all of God’s infinite majesty, but we can continue to use our human reasoning to confirm what we already believe. St. Anselm of Canterbury says, “I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand”.

Pax,
Matthew Mondragon
“fides quaerens intellectum” – St. Anselm
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

OPEN HOURS:
TUESDAY 1-2 AM & 3-4 AM.
SATURDAY 1-2 AM & 10-11 AM.
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 9-10 AM
Tuesday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM
Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM, 11 PM-MIDNIGHT
Friday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Saturday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM – NOON, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 9-10 PM
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Jane Doherty at 409-656-5345 or at textdotjane@aol.com
If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:
Martha Preston for Midnight - 6 AM- (713-542-4909)
Karen Ehlig for 6 AM - Noon (281-813-3285)
Marie Olive for Noon - 6 PM (713-202-6499)
Beth Beckham for 6 PM - Midnight (281-435-1439)

Divine Mercy Ministry —
The Divine Mercy Ministry prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel (Faith Formation Campus) every Sunday at 3 PM, for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. The chaplet is also prayed before the 8:30 AM weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) in the church. Everyone welcome!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING
You are invited to come and worship with us and bring your petition to the altar for prayer. We meet every Friday for English Prayer Meeting at 7 - 8 PM in the Woodland Hills Chapel. We come together for thanksgiving and praise!

Director of Social Services and Outreach Ministries: Olga Najar,
(281)713-8966, olgan@stmartha.com
For a complete list of Social Service and Outreach Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
Next weekend, Dec. 28 & 29, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass.)

MARTHA’S KITCHEN
Martha’s Kitchen wishes all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.
The Kitchen could not exist without the love and support it receives from our volunteers, the Parish and our generous donors. We wish this season of joy to be felt by all during this holy season and throughout the days of the year to come.
Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed Monday, Dec. 23 and will reopen Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

Maria Goretti Network (MGN) -
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness.
Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at the Family Life Center (FLC) #4A, 3702 Woodland Hills, at 7 PM.
Questions? Contact Miguel at 713-851-3708 or stmarthamgn@gmail.com
St. Margaret of Costello's Special Needs Ministry

Welcome all Parents with children/family members having special needs, either adult or youngsters! Please join us on the first Monday of the month (Jan. 6) at 8 PM at the old campus (Room 2 of the Family Life Center - near the library). Our ministry not only serves as a support group, but will also be a conduit for information, will advocate for the catechetical needs of our special needs population, and, ultimately, build and operate a group home for the special needs population focusing on families that can no longer take care of their child. We have a SPECIAL speaker, Mike Kevlin, with Edward Jones, to discuss investment strategies that would provide long term financial support. POC is Craig Simonsgaard, 832-633-0321 or craig.simonsgaard@gmail.com and Patrick Bloomer 832-445-9357 or pbloomer549@gmail.com

Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!

Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM -noon in Room 2 on St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive)

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Questions? E-mail stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Call 713-741-8728.

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@outlook.com

St. Vincent De Paul Serving those in Need

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Welcome all Parents with children/family members having special needs, either adult or youngsters! Please join us on the first Monday of the month (Jan. 6) at 8 PM at the old campus (Room 2 of the Family Life Center - near the library). Our ministry not only serves as a support group, but will also be a conduit for information, will advocate for the catechetical needs of our special needs population, and, ultimately, build and operate a group home for the special needs population focusing on families that can no longer take care of their child. We have a SPECIAL speaker, Mike Kevlin, with Edward Jones, to discuss investment strategies that would provide long term financial support. POC is Craig Simonsgaard, 832-633-0321 or craig.simonsgaard@gmail.com and Patrick Bloomer 832-445-9357 or pbloomer549@gmail.com

Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!

Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM -noon in Room 2 on St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive)

St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

Questions? E-mail stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Call 713-741-8728.

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@outlook.com

St. Vincent De Paul Serving those in Need

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (StVdP) is looking for Spanish – English bilingual volunteers. If you are interested please contact Syvon Wetherold at syvonw@stmartha.com or 832-265-9491.
St. Martha Catholic School

Principal PK3-8th: Jessica Munscher, (281) 358-5523.
For more information regarding SMCS please visit www.stmarthacs.org

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org
for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world.

St. Martha’s International Mission Ministry
Presents:
CARIBBEAN NIGHTS
Saturday January 18, 2020
6:00pm-9:30pm
Family Life Center
Woodland Hills
*STREET MUSICIANS*FOOD*FUN*DANCE

$50 Entry per person
Tickets Available at https://stmartha.com/international-mission-trips,
at the parish office or contact us at terry.stierman@conviventia.org

St Martha Mission Trips
Colombia 2020

CARTAGENA
June 6 - 13
Cost per person:
$ 975.00 land + air
estimated $5950

BOGOTA
Sept 12 - 19
Cost per person:
$ 875.00 land + air
estimated $5950

We still have openings for both trips, sign up now to reserve your space

contact us at terry.stierman@conviventia.org

SAVE THE DATE
Open House
January 28
5-7 p.m.
Registration Opens
January 31

WWW.STMARTHACS.ORG | 281-358-5523
**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

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**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the SOKOL FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-813-3285 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

**Holy Hour of Exposition & Benediction for Vocations**
- Second Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- Second Friday: 9 - 10 AM

Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

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**Vocations Corner**

**Around the Community**

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**REMEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

Pray for the Unborn Children

Join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants

Saturday, December 28, 2019

O Holy Mary, O Holy Mary cradle the children who have died through our neglect and stand by those who work to save the weakest and littlest among us. O Holy Mother, teach us by your life to embrace Christ your son.

8:10 am MASS AT HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
6921 Chetwood, Houston

Followed by Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood
5800 Bellaire Blvd

Remember to adhere to the Archdiocesan Guidelines while present at an abortion clinic [www.archgh.org/media/4836/englisharchdiocesanGuidelines.pdf](http://www.archgh.org/media/4836/englisharchdiocesanGuidelines.pdf)

This event is sponsored by: The Helpers of God’s Precious Infants and the Office of Pro-Life Activities
Archdiocesan coordinator: Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

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**Third Order Lay Carmelites**

Would you like to deepen your prayer life and develop a closer relationship with God? Lay Carmelites are called to be involved in the mission of the Church by sanctifying the world through prayer. We are people from all walks of life, married, single, widowed who go about our daily lives contemplating God's presence is the midst of everything and bringing others to Christ by the way we live our lives. Our role models are the prophet Elijah because of his zeal for the Lord, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, because she teaches us the way of contemplative prayer. We study and meet together in community once a month. We have new formation classes beginning soon. For more information on what Carmel is all about, contact Yajaira Ayala at 832-330-6092 or Kathy Schutz at 936-203-7954.

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**Loving Embrace—Catholic Infertility and Miscarriage Support Group**

Struggling with infertility? You are NOT ALONE! The Office of Pro-Life Activities is proud to announce a partnership with Loving Embrace, a Catholic peer-to-peer support group for ladies or couples struggling with infertility and/or miscarriage. The group provides support for coping with infertility and explores resources, methods, and options that are morally faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more information contact Erin at infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com or PM us through our facebook portal [https://www.facebook.com/HOUlovingembrace/](https://www.facebook.com/HOUlovingembrace/)
ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA
PERPETUA

“¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?”

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES

Martes: 1-2 AM & 3-4 AM.
Sábado 1-2 AM & 10-11 AM.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS

Lunes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 9-10 AM
Martes: 12-1 AM 1-2 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM
Miércoles: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM,
10-11 AM, 2-3 PM, 11-12 PM
Viernes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Sábado: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - NOCHE, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 9-10 PM

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a:
Jane Doherty, 409-656-5345,
texdotjane@aol.com

Ministerio Hispano

Texas Rally for Life

SÁBADO, ENERO 25, 2020

Enero 2020, marca 47 años desde Roe v. Wade
¡Unase a miles de Tejanos marchando en apoyo de la vida humana!

Misa de la Arquidiócesis a las 8:30am
St. Bartholomew the Apostle
5356 Eleventh Street
Katy, TX 77493

Partiremos para Austin después de Misa
Marcha y mitin por La Vida sera a la 1 pm
Costo: $25.00/persona(no incluye almuerzo)
Parada en Duces ida y vuelta a Austin

Autobuses saldrán de varias parroquias
Comunícate con la Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida para encontrar la parroquia mas cercana a usted al (210)741-8728
Regístrese en https://archgh.cvent.com/d/wyrqbym/

Nueva Horario de Legión de María
a partir del próximo 11 de diciembre

Este Ministerio busca conquistar almas para Cristo por medio de la Santísima Virgen María, realizando trabajos apostólicos semanalmente en nuestra parroquia.
Únete a las filas de la Legión de María y visítanos todos los miércoles a las 7:00pm en el Salón de Recepción de la Iglesia Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX 77365.

Mildred García- Tel. 936-230-1722; milleg226@yahoo.com
Legión de María—
Este Ministerio busca conquistar el mundo para Cristo por medio de la Virgen María. Visitamos hogares llevando la Virgen peregrina para enseñar el rezo del Santo Rosario, dar a conocer la devoción del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y las gracias que reciben las familias al consagrarse a Él y a la Virgen María. Si deseas ser un soldado de la Santísima Virgen María, únete a las filas de la Legión los viernes a las 7:00 pm en el Woodland Hills Campus Salón #2; o como miembro auxiliar orando por nuestro grupo. Para más información contactar a Mildred García 936-230-1722.

Grupo de Oración Carismático
Únete a nosotros en oración, alabanza, acción de gracias y súplica.
Sábados de 9:00 a 10:00 a.m.
Capilla en Woodland Hills Drive

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK
ESPANOL PARA TODA - VICTIMA DE ABUSO
MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

RECUERDA LOS SANTOS INOCENTES
Oremos por los Niños No Nacidos
Sábado, 28 de Diciembre del 2019

Oh Santa María, Oh Santa María, acuna a los niños que han muerto por nuestra negligencia y defiende a aquellos que trabajan para salvar a los más débiles y más pequeños entre nosotros. Oh Santa Madre, enseñanos con tu vida a abrazar a Cristo tu hijo.

MISA A LAS 8:10 AM
En la parroquia HOLY GHOST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6921 Chotwood, Houston

Seguido por la procesión del Rosario a Planned Parenthood
5800 Bellaire Blvd

Recuerde seguir las Guías Arquidiocesanas mientras está frente a una clínica de aborto:
www.archgh.org/media/4837/spanisharchdiocesanguidelines.pdf

Este evento es patrocinado por: Los Ayudantes de los Valiosos Niños de Dios y La Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida
Coordinadora: Arquidiocesana: Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126
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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgy & Sacraments

**Weekend Masses**
- First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): 8:30 AM
- Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
- Sunday: 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
  - En Español: 1 PM
  - Contemporary: 5 PM

**Weekday Masses**
- Monday: 8:30 AM
- Tuesday: 8:30 AM & 7 PM
- Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 10 AM
- Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
- Friday: 8:30 AM

**Sacrament of Penance**
- Tuesday: Church 6:15 - 7 PM
- Saturday: Church 10 AM - 11:45 AM
  - Church 4:30 - 5:20 PM

**Perpetual Adoration**
- Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

**Anointing of the Sick**
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

**Baptism**
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

**Marriage**
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

**Funerals**
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.

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